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For : SPUTTERING TARGET, METHOD OF PRODUCING THE TARGET,  
OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM FABRICATED BY USING THE  
SPUTTERING TARGET, AND METHOD OF FORMING RECORD-  
ING LAYER FOR THE OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM

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Please amend the above-identified continuation patent application, which is being filed concurrently herewith, as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are set forth on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which is set forth on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** are set forth on page 4 of this paper.